

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	Hartmut Boche
Application No. 09/625,792	Filing Date: July 26, 2000
Title of Application:	Medical Instrument With A Non-Contact Readable Data Carrier
Confirmation No. 8313	Art Unit: 3764
Examiner	Fenn C. Mathew

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Response to Official Action**

In response to the Official Action dated **September 16, 2008**, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Enclosed herewith is a request for a two month extension of time to respond to the afore-mentioned outstanding Office Action and the appropriate fee. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 2.